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THAT DINNER AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

Anent the White House episode, the Hon. Henry Watterson, formerly of Kentucky, shows that his evidence in the metropolis of the nation for, lo, these many years has failed to free him from his ancient traditions, for he says that the entertainment of Booker T. Washington at dinner by the President of the United States was simply the doctrine of the Republican party, expressing itself through President Roosevelt, and that the affair will tell wonderfully in favor of Democracy in the next national election. In this, Mr. Watterson has unintentionally paid a high compliment to the President of the United States and to the party with which he is identified, and at the same time he has dealt a stunning blow to the people of this country and especially to those upon whom he relies to return the Democratic party to power.

Mr. Watterson should remember that the only man that his party has been able to elect to the Presidency in the last forty years, was a son of the Empire State, who, like a brother New Yorker who has added new laurels to the position of President of the greatest nation on the face of the globe was too great to be small.

Mr. Watterson should remember that former President Cleveland was taken to task by men of his party in the South for having the late Frederick Douglass and wife as invited guests at a diplomatic reception at the White House, and that Mr. Cleveland defended by saying that he honored himself and the nation he stood for by honoring a man like Frederick Douglass, and so Mr. Cleveland was in due time reelected to the Presidency.

We think such will be the outcome of the Washington episode, so far as President Roosevelt is concerned. The people will say; "Well done thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful in ruling over the whole people without respect to race, color or creed, therefore enter thou upon a second term."

It is claimed by some Southern Democrats that the President has the personal right to invite whom he pleases to his table, and that no one can justly call in question that right, while other Southern Democrats claim that the President, the moment he became President, lost this personal right, and therefore committed an unpardonable sin in exercising it.

These evil minded critics forget that their criticism cuts the throat of their argument.

President Roosevelt is the Chief Magistrate of the whole people. As such, it was perfectly natural for him to recognize the most conspicuous representative of a race constituting one eighth of the population of the United States, especially since that representative had been honored and lauded without stint by the very men who now take the President to task for calling their hard in the courteous treatment of a meritorious man.

It is clearly discernable in all that certain men of the South have written or spoken against the entertainment of Mr. Washington by the President, that there is no personal feeling against the President or Mr. Washington. It is simple that impersonable prejudice, intangible and unexplainable, born of a condition, and not a theory; that really should be a back number in this twentieth century, and would be but for the fact that some people never forget any old thing and never learn any new thing.

It is as essential to know when to be silent as to know when to speak.

The defeat of Col. Loomis Blodock for the South Carolina internal revenue collectorship simply shows that death and taxes continue to hold the record as the only "cock sure things."

The editor that has the most influence is he who isn't scared of windbags, charlatans and mountebanks.

The Evening Star's editorial on the Booker Washington episode was clean cut and straight forward. Every sentence rang true and breathed a high-grade Americanism that speaks well for future of the race in the community. Let us hope that its inspiration will cross the Potomac and serve as a refreshing breeze to the fevered brow of our brothers in white, who mistake the natural rights of man for that "monster of frightful mien"—social equality. The Star breathes sentiments that remind us that the heart of Sumner Phillips and the immortals yet abideth with us.

Prof. Robert H. Terrell has opened what appears to be the banner year at the Washington Colored High School. Prof. Terrell is one of the best equipped educators in the country and has made the High School the typical institution of its kind in America.

The new assistants at Freedmen's Hospital will be chosen from a field graced by such accomplished young surgeons as Doctors H. L. Bailly, J. G. Clayton, George Mitchell, W. H. Hughes and E. D. Williston.

No census has yet been taken of the dreamers who predicted the assassination of President McKinley.

The world has a habit of distrusting men who are known to be living beyond their means.

We are still waiting for those subscribers who received bills from this office recently, to send in their subscription. Many of the subscribers do not know of the expense we are put to in notifying them, and delay sending in their subscription so long that they are sometimes ashamed to send it in. Those who have not remitted will oblige us by doing so at once.

It will be for those who are measuring rising young educators with a view of uttering prophecies to keep an eye on Dr. Bruce Evans of the Manual Training School, No 2.

If some people we know were employed to tell the truth they would be "fired" within a week for incompetency.

There are still men who are loved for the enemies they have been fortunate enough to make.

Many deserving men fail in life because they allow themselves to get under bad management.

It is a friend who warns you when he sees the storm heading your way.

The New York Age has a way of irritating the Washington Post.

THE CONSTITUTION AND DINNER.

Booker T. Washington at the White House With President Roosevelt.

(From the Atlanta Constitution.) Washington, Oct. 16.—(Special.)—Booker T. Washington, the well-known Negro educator, President of the Tuskegee (Ala.) Institute, was a guest of President and Mrs. Roosevelt at dinner at the White House tonight. Mr. Washington is probably the first American Negro to dine with a President of the United States and his family, although it was reported that President Cleveland once entertained a Negro friend at the White House board.

Since President Roosevelt occupied the White House there has hardly been a dinner or luncheon without its guests, and as the President has been so free with his invitations no special list of guests is prepared, and the ushers do not know who the guests will be until they arrive. Tonight, just before 8 o'clock, a Negro in evening dress presented himself at the White House door, and, giving his name, said that he was to dine with the President. Booker Washington has made several visits to the White House, and his face is known there, so he was at once admitted into the private apartments and the President notified of his arrival. No other guest arrived and the dinner was soon served.

Dinner at the White House since the Roosevelts have occupied the mansion has been a family affair, Mrs. Roosevelt and the two children appearing at the table with father, mother and guest. After dinner the President takes his guests to the library, and there, over cigars, things political and otherwise are discussed.

Tonight the usual order of affairs was not disturbed on account of the color of the guest of honor, and Mr. Washington left the White House about 10 o'clock, apparently very much pleased with his dinner and his chat with the President.

In Honor of Frederick Brown.

The exercises Monday evening at the People's Congregational church celebrating the birthday of the late R. V. W. W. Browne, founder of the Grand United Order of True Reformers, were well-attended. The program was interesting and eulogies were unusually happy and attuned to the chord of justice and hearty appreciation. The local fountains attended in full regalia. Mr. W. S. Woodson is Chief of the local jurisdiction and he performs his many duties with painstaking fidelity.

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